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Project GRCROOND

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SOB feels the following comments concerning project outline attached to reference are pertinent:

a. Under para 4 A (3) (b), re the courier line mentioned along with E & E line, it is not clear as to whether this line is to be used for passing messages or information or passing bodies other than military, such as a line to be used to inject or eject indigenous-type personnel.

b. Under para 4 B (2), the statement is made that the scheme of paramilitary pre-D-Day development is to provide maximum unconventional support for overt military operations during initial phases of hot war, when further on in the paragraph the statement is made that it will take two to six months to organize and expand from the nucleus after D-Day. It should be made a matter of record that the only way a resistance organization can survive and operate is if it is given time to organize securely, and this at present is planned only after the event of hostilities; consequently, the maximum effort of unconventional support cannot be given in the initial stages.

c. Para 4 C (1) (c): The Kitzbuehler Alps groups will now join the groups going to the Kaunertal area. An area south of Salzburg in the Halmbach tal is being considered for the Salzburg groups.

d. Para 4 C (2): Any figure such as one shown (21 groups) is purely a guess. There is no clear cut stand on the groups as such that some will be guerrilla and others general resistance groups. The members of some groups realize that they have little or no stayability in the event of Soviet occupation; therefore, they are self-volunteered guerrilla fighters. Others in the group will remain and organize for general resistance actions and be the intelligence net and logistical support for the persons in the hills.

e. Under para 4 C (3) second sub-paragraph: Information as to guerrilla and/or underground organization locations will not be given to military personnel in pre-flight or combat briefings in order for evaders to establish contact due to the possibility of exposure of the locations to the enemy through interrogation of captured military personnel. The amount of informa-

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tion to be given to airmen in pre-flight briefings is a decision to be made at that specific time guided by the tactical situation. Detailed methods to be used for evaders and escapers entering the E & E lines have yet to be determined.

f. Under para 4 C (3), third sub-paragraph, there are not nineteen, but eight personnel recruited and actively members of GRBLAMED.

g. Under para 4 C (3), fourth sub-paragraph, there is no principal agent or any other person recruited in this segment of the line.

h. Under para 4 C (3), fifth sub-paragraph: There is only a principal agent, but no sub-agent recruited in GRREPAIR. Members of the Tirol resistance organization will not be considered for use in the E & E field. This operation is considered as a holding operation due to its loose security. To use some of its assets for E & E would contaminate the E & E operation from the start.

i. Under para 5 C (2): The caches not placed in under Army cover are known to at least one if not more indigenous personnel. At least five W/T caches are buried by indigenous persons.

j. Under para 5 E, second sub-paragraph: It should be added that an equal number of recruited persons are motivated by the monetary gain and/or the fact that they feel they are playing on the right side and expect to be on the top of the heap when the Austrian Government's army or intelligence agency comes into its own as much as their strong anti-communist feelings.

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